

WISBECH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1958

Section I - Staff

Table A

No change

Section II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year

Table B

<u>Ships from</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Number inspected</u>		<u>Number of ships reported as having, or having had, during voyage, infectious disease on board</u>
			<u>By the M.O.H.</u>	<u>By the P.H.I.</u>	
Foreign ports	78	17,332 N.R. 30,714 Cargo	Nil	78	Nil
Coastwise	140	20,083 N.R. 47,006 Cargo	Nil	63	Nil
Total	218	37,415 N.R. 77,720 Cargo	Nil	141	Nil

Section III - Character of shipping and trade during the year

Table C

Passenger Traffic	(Number of passengers	<u>Inwards:</u>	Nil
	(Number of passengers	<u>Outwards:</u>	Nil
Cargo Traffic	(Principal <u>Imports:</u>	Petrol, oil, grain, timber, fruit, potatoes	
	(Principal <u>Exports:</u>	Grain, bricks, basic slag, coke breeze, fire clay	
Principal ports from which ships arrive:		London, Hull, Immingham, Hansweert, Kalmar, Hamina, Esjberg, Odansk, Pateneimi, Randers, Treport, Rotterdam, Dunkirk, Ipswich, Abo	

Section IV - Inland barge traffic

Number using the district	}	None during the year
Tonnage		
Places served		

Section V - Water Supply

No change

Section VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952

No change

Section VII - Smallpox

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district:

Smallpox Hospital, Ipswich.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews:

In the event of there being a suspected case, the Resident Medical Officer of Health, St. Helen's Hospital, Ipswich, telephone number Ipswich 77211, would be contacted. He would make all necessary arrangements for the ambulance and be responsible for ensuring that any necessary vaccination or disinfection of the ambulance crew was carried out.

- (3) Names of smallpox consultants available:

Dr. G. Nisbit, Peterborough

Dr. Oliver, Norfolk & Norwich Hospital, Norwich

Dr. J. H. C. Clarke, Public Health Department, Sleaford.

- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox:

In the event of laboratory diagnosis being required, reference would be made to the Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.

Section VIII - Venereal Disease

No change

Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships

Table D

<u>Category</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Number of cases during year</u>		<u>Number of ships concerned</u>
		<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Crew</u>	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but which have been disposed of before arrival	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	"	Nil	Nil	Nil

Section X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No cases of malaria have occurred

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with
or suspected for plague

There were no ships infected with or suspected for plague.

Section XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats:

The Public Health Inspector, as a normal measure, makes an inspection of ships from foreign ports. Should the presence of rats be found or suspected, he would take any necessary action.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year:

Any case coming under this heading would be sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.

(3) Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor:

The deratting of ships is the responsibility of the Public Health Inspector, who uses the fumigation method and/or poison bait method.

(4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships:

Table E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

Table F

Deratting certificates and deratting exemption certificates
issued during the year for ships from foreign ports

This is not applicable as the port is not an "approved port" or a "designated approved port".

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Section XIII - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances

Table G

Inspections and Notices

<u>Nature and number of inspections</u>		<u>Notices served</u>		<u>Result of serving notices</u>
		<u>Statutory notices</u>	<u>Other notices</u>	
Routine	141	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	141	Nil	Nil	Nil

Section XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

No change

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change

Section XVI - Miscellaneous

No change

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